

PROSPERITY UNDER LOCAL OPTION

Vermont has prospered under local option, perhaps not directly because of the law, but it is a fact that the state has gone forward instead of backward.

Some of the friends of the old prohibitory law declared that the state would go backward, that the farms would be abandoned and the money in the banks would go elsewhere. Nothing of the kind happened under the local option law.

On the contrary, the savings banks show that the people of the state have prospered and that the amount of money saved against a rainy day has grown steadily greater.

On June 30, 1915, the savings banks and trust companies of the state showed deposits amounting to \$95,469,775.23, an increase over 1902, the last year of state-wide prohibition, of \$53,482,227.78, or a yearly average increase of \$4,456,652.32.

In the year 1915, the savings banks and trust companies paid into the state treasury in taxes \$662,701.98. In 1902, the last year under prohibition, this tax was only \$272,440.05. It is true that the state laws had been amended meanwhile, but the fact that business of the savings banks and trust companies had increased enough to stand this tax is significant.

Possibly local option only affected this situation indirectly, but with the discarding of one obsolete and discredited law, other good laws were enacted.

The history of Vermont for the past 12 years has been one of steady progress. Why return to a condition which means reaction?

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Local Option: A Temperance Measure

Vermont Local Option League: Raymond Trainor, Secretary
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WOODBURY

Clifford Doty spent Christmas in Barre, a guest of Miss Jean Darling.

William Rainey and son, Thomas, returned to their home Monday.

Ernest Arenal, who has had employment here, left for Peapack, N. J., Friday.

Mrs. Holly, who had been visiting at E. F. Doty's, has returned to her home in Essex.

James Reed returned Monday from a few days' visit with his parents in Lancaster, N. H.

Fred Clapp of Marshfield visited his mother, Mrs. Nancy Clapp, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mayme Leonard of Boston was a week-end visitor of her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Donlin.

Ralph Doty has returned to his school duties, after having spent his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Doty.

Weston Jackson remains about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall of Washington visited Mr. Hall's parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Henry Hall, the first of the week.

Albert Crawford, who has been sick for some time, is able to resume work again.

Jesse Getchell, who has employment at the gray quarries, was quite badly hurt Monday morning, when a piece of frozen dirt fell from the grout box, striking him on the head. It required 13 stitches to close the wound.

Walter Harriman returned home the last of the week.

Charles Weeks was an over-Sunday visitor in Hardwick.

Lucy Barnard, who had been visiting her father, Rev. O. L. Barnard, returned to her home in Wells River Thursday.

Eugene Shatney and son, Charles, were week-end visitors at Perley Packer's.

Milo Barnard, who had been visiting his parents, left for Jersey City Thursday, where he is attending college.

WASHINGTON

Rev. Grant Van Blarcom of Turner Center, Me., will preach in the Washington Universalist church Sunday, Jan. 2, at the usual time of service.

RANDOLPH

J. William Alvord Died After Being in Poor Health from Horse's Kick.

J. William Alvord died at the home of his sister, Mrs. O. W. Panten, last week Friday after an illness of a few weeks. Mr. Alvord received an injury from the kicking of a horse in his knee and was at the sanatorium for several weeks for treatment, having been in poor health since that time, although his death was unexpected. Deceased was born in Brookfield 56 years ago, the son of William and Ann Adams Alvord, and had lived nearly all that time in that town. He is survived by one brother, Edgar Alvord, and one sister, Mrs. Panten, with whom he was at the time of his death. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Fraser Metzger officiating, and interment was in the Brookfield cemetery.

Lewis Rye, who has been with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rye, for his vacation from teaching in Brockton, Mass., left on Friday for his home, and his sister, Miss Zilpha Rye, accompanied him as far as Boston, where she will pass a little time and then enter the Malden Commercial school for a course of study.

Mrs. P. F. Morse left on Friday for Hanover, N. H., where she went to pass the time till the first of the week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dales and family, who have been in Island Pond since Christmas, returned home on Friday.

Miss Etta Polson, a sister of Mrs. J. P. Gifford and a teacher in St. Johnsbury, who has been here for a few days, left on Friday to resume teaching the first of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Rumrill went to Stratford on Friday for a short stay with friends.

Miss Helene Ranney has been in Gayville for a few days with Miss Alice Trask.

Mrs. Ellen Claffin after passing a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Rumrill, in Longmeadow, has returned here, arriving Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Rumrill expect to go to Philadelphia for the winter.

Mrs. C. C. Stevens, who has been seriously ill for several days, is now thought to be improving. Her sister, Miss Inez Hayward of East Randolph, has been with her for several days.

Miss Gail Lamson has gone to Chicago to pass a couple of weeks with her sister, Miss Genevieve Lamson, who is taking a college course there, and from there will go to Washington, D. C., to stay with another sister, Mrs. Theron Brooks, expecting to be absent for six weeks from town.

Bloody Folly.

The Dardanelles campaign, which excited first wonder and then doubt, became a forlorn hope some six months ago. That it has been abandoned by the allies is not surprising, and least of all to the Turks and Germans, who cannot understand the British persistence.

The fighting at the Dardanelles straits carried the biggest possibilities of the whole war. Paris might have fallen, London might have been invaded, and still there would have been less stir in European courts than as though that ancient and history-checked town of Constantinople had fallen a prize to British guns.

But there is no new thing to be said in the course of raving over Constantinople's potential influence upon world history. In this war there are many, many big accidents that almost happened.

Conceived in a spirit of bravado, for its influence upon the greedy Russian government, and adapted to the exigencies of English domestic politics by the theatre mind that has so recently been removed from British councils, the Dardanelles campaign amounted to a colossal fizzle. Winston Spencer Churchill's expedition to the gates of Constantinople has resulted not only in the bloodiest romance of the war, but it is undeniably the most howling disaster that has ever befallen the British arms.

The failure was due to the straying of a versatile, but erratic, intellect. The adventure might have come to almost any of the other nations, including our own, where domestic politics is considered a brighter career than technical training.

There are 50,000 British graves on Gallipoli. The French losses have not been estimated. Five British warships and two French ships, besides numerous smaller vessels, are gone. And the reward is nothing.

Troops released from the Dardanelles campaign may be of use elsewhere. There is no battlefield where they could be sacrificed as wretchedly as on that strip of shell-raked territory in the Mediterranean. —Boston Journal.

SOUTH RYEGATE

The song service given in the U. P. church Sunday evening to a congregation which was very small on account of the storm, will be repeated next Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church.

The next entertainment of the lecture course comes off Jan. 7. It is a concert by the Royal male quartet and is expected to be the finest entertainment in the course.

A. T. Beaton has leased the M. F. Sargent stonemason, where he will do business hereafter.

Gardner Boyd is spending his Christmas vacation in Boston.

R. Farquharson has bought A. T. Beaton's stonemason.

A farewell party was given Thursday evening by the C. E. society of the Presbyterian church to Miss Ruth and Rose Anderson, who left for Mattapan, Mass., with their parents and brother, Henry, Friday morning. The Andersons are fine people, and all regret to have them leave town. Mr. Anderson has rented a garage in Mattapan and will make that his business.

There was a social and watch meeting at the U. P. church Friday evening, Dec. 31.

Oscar Hatch is laid up with an attack of erysipelas.

There is quite an epidemic of grip and colds in the village and vicinity at the present time.

S. P. Mills of Newport, Miss Celia Ingraham of Portsmouth, N. H., Miss Annie Beaton of Watertown, Mass., Frederick Samuelson of Boston, and Miss Rose Anderson of Quincy, Mass., are at home for the holidays.

Miss Corine Samuelson spent the week-end at her home here, returning to New York City Monday.

Dr. H. D. Bone of Gardiner, Mass., spent Monday with his parents here. His father, William Bone, is quite ill with grip.

Rev. S. T. Simpson will room at the Presbyterian parsonage during the remainder of his stay here, taking his meals at L. E. Whitehill's.

Miss Elizabeth Hall, assistant superintendent of schools in Minneapolis, Minn., is spending the week with her people here.

Miss Lillian Guild is at St. Johnsbury this week.

Albert Goodine of Nova Scotia has joined his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Coburn are running a home bakery in the shop by the railroad track.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hooker of Bradford, Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Cowan of Montpelier, Miss Marie Darling of Orleans and Dorey Darling of Cambridge, Mass., spent Christmas at Dr. W. G. Darling's.

WAS NOT A JOKE.

When American with German Name Heard Shot Whistle Across Ship

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Jan. 1.—How it felt to be an American citizen with a distinctly German name aboard one of the steamers of the Porto Rico line recently searched by the French cruiser Descartes was described today by C. L. Schifferdecker, one of the passengers on the steamer San Juan, from which two German passengers were taken prisoners.

Schifferdecker was born in New York, his father being a German-American citizen and his mother English. He is a dentist and up to a year ago was practicing at 73 Warren street, Boston. For the past year he has been traveling for his health.

"We had heard on the San Juan that a wireless message had been received warning Capt. Evans to get in close to shore and stay within the three mile limit in order to avoid being searched by a French cruiser," said Schifferdecker. There were several of us with German names aboard and the captain laughed when he said that in a few hours later we might be prisoners of war.

"When we heard a cannon shot, shortly before midnight, we knew that the wireless message was not a joke, and when our steamer had stopped and a French officer and escort came aboard and I saw that the sailors were armed, I commenced to think about my name. 'There was my name in the passenger list with fourteen letters in it, sticking out like a lighthouse. Nobody could miss it. Yes, I'm an American alright, but then there's my name.'

"I think they must have a regulation list with fourteen letters in it, sticking out like I had told the French officer I was an American he asked me if I had my naturalization papers. Then he wanted to know if I had my passport. I asked if he would have a passport if he were traveling from Paris to another town in France. Then he said, 'You're alright,' and I didn't pay much attention to what happened after that. I do remember, though, that one of the Germans taken off left his money behind and carried his umbrella with him. And I couldn't help but think it was funny when the officer told the two prisoners not to worry. 'You'll be alright and I'll be alright,' said Schifferdecker, who said he had not seen either William Guthrie or Fritz Lothar, the two Germans who were taken prisoners, at any time during the voyage from New Orleans until just before they were taken prisoners by the French officer.

Increased Arsenic Production.

The year 1915 saw another increase in the output of white arsenic, and the estimated production for the 12 months is reported by the United States geological survey to have been 5,195 tons (of 2,000 pounds) with a value at the smelters of two cents a pound or a total of \$207,780. The estimate by Frank L. Hess is based on the known production for the first 10 months of the year and the outputs during the months of November and December. This output is an increase of more than 11 per cent over the 1914 production and 65 per cent over the 1913 output.

All white arsenic made in this country is a by-product in the smelting and refining of the non-ferrous metals, and naturally the larger part is saved at the western plants. The demand is far below the possible production, which could probably be made treble or quadruple the present output if prices were sufficiently encouraged.

The largest uses for arsenic are in the manufacture of insecticides, such as paris green, lead arsenate, etc.; in glass making; and as a weed killer. Small quantities are used in shot, medicine and dyes.

SOUTH PARRE.

All interested in the South Parre Sunday school are asked to meet at the hall at 3 p. m. Sunday.

BETHEL

Crescent Club Minstrels Scored a Success Last Evening.

A large audience greeted the Crescent club minstrels last night at the town hall and went away well satisfied with the program, which was extremely varied and of good quality. George B. Chase and Ernest H. Kittredge, who have had charge of the arrangements, deserve much credit for the hard work they put into the rehearsals and all the preparations. The singing by a chorus of 25 male voices was well done, as were the solo parts and the music generally. Several specialties and a number of jokes were well received. The costumes, hired for the occasion, were quite imposing. Griffith M. Owen as interlocutor was voted a success.

Mrs. William Haley returned yesterday to Island Pond after a five months' visit with her daughter, Mrs. John J. Wilson. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss May Haley, who spent the Christmas holidays here.

Miss Marion Bullard is in West Hartford on duty as nurse.

Bethel lodge, No. 35, I. O. O. F., at its annual meeting last Wednesday night chose the following officers for the coming year: Fred W. Tuttle, noble grand; John H. Beckwith, vice grand; J. Thomas Clift, secretary; Francis J. Sargent, treasurer; C. Boyce, trustee for three years. Appointive officers will be announced later.

Mrs. L. K. H. Sanborn has returned to her home in Rochester, N. H., after a two months' visit at Mrs. Alice Bartlett's.

Miss Katherine Bartlett has returned to resume her teaching in Malden, Mass. Misses Lillian and Harriet Coburn are visiting at Ogdensburg, N. Y.

August Haikara has moved from the Kittredge block to the house he lately built on Highland park.

Harold Newton of Pantan and Miss Elsie Merrill, the eldest daughter of James Merrill of Randolph, were married at Guy Wilson's yesterday by Rev. W. Benjamin Reynolds. They will make their home at the Newton farm in Pantan.

SOUTH CABOT

Ella Putnam and little brother were in Danville Thursday and Friday.

George Porter and family of Marshfield hill have been the guests of George Geo and wife the past few days.

Mrs. H. L. Houghton is with her daughter, Mrs. George Gill, on Marshfield hill, for a few days.

A number from this place attended the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Houghton Dec. 28. A fine time was enjoyed by all.

Gilbert Needham of Peacham is stopping for a few days with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Houghton.

EAST CABOT

Misses Inez and Hazel Abbott spent Thursday at Hardwick.

Justin Stone of Cabot was a business visitor at W. D. Barr's Wednesday.

Mrs. Ira Read was ill several days last week with a cold.

Harry Young, deputy grand warden, was at St. Johnsbury Saturday evening to install the officers of Green Mountain lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill, Misses Ida and Alice and Masters Gilbert and Lionel were at Gilbert Hill's Christmas day.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Pavilion Theatre.

After the masterly presentation by the Harrison-DuFrayne Players yesterday of "A Wife of Honor," with its lights and shadows of city life, comes the wonderful play of society, "A Woman's Way," with all the thrills and atmosphere of New England life. It is a New England play, of course, but it is more than that in the sense in which society plays are generally accepted. This story is a powerful and gripping one, appealing rather for its tense love scenes and rather than for its melodramatic situations.

Matinee will start at 2 o'clock, with motion pictures until 3 o'clock and then the Harrison-DuFrayne Players will present that great New England society play, "A Woman's Way."

If careful preparation, conscientious work and an extreme endeavor to please, both on the part of the management and the company, is deserving of recognition, the Harrison-DuFrayne Players are worthy of a large patronage on their final performance. The prices for this wonderful play, 10c for children and 20c for adults. In conjunction with the play and motion pictures, there will be four new vaudeville specialties.

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COMING

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When Madame Wanda made her initial bow to a Barre audience some seasons ago, she not only established herself a royal favorite, but she played to a record week's business. And now after an absence of two years this remarkable lady returns and bids fair to eclipse her previous success. Wanda, like good wine, seems to improve with age. Unassuming and demure off the stage, at the moment she becomes seated upon the platform seems to be guided by some compelling force much stronger than herself. At one moment rearing and prancing like some wild, unbroken horse of the prairie, in an instant almost, her voice is broken with emotion as she pours out words of sympathy to some heart-broken mother over an erring son or daughter. She has been variously spoken of as the "Queen of psychic forces," etc. At all events, there will never be but one Wanda. She will open a week's engagement at the Barre opera house next Monday.—adv.

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